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TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains		
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CB - converted boxcar, B - boxcar, SSy - heavy-duty flatcar, RRym - heavy-duty flatcar

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troop trains between 1 and 28 February 1954:

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Date in February	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
8	11 B, 16 SSy, 11 RRym	Eilenburg	Koenigsbrueck
9	5 cars, 4 SSy	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
14	1 CB, 3 SSy	"	"
24	27 cars	"	"
12	44 cars	Koenigsbrueck	Eilenburg
22	29 cars	"	Halle
23	24 cars	"	Weimar
15	2 CB, 10 RRym	Roederau	Schlieben
24	2 CB, 10 RRym	"	"
	1 CB, 6 RRym	"	"
15	2 CB, 12 RRym	Riesa	"
24	2 CB, 5 RRym	"	"
16	10 cars	Glauchau	Koelleda
24	9 cars	"	Zeulenroda
	10 cars	"	Zeitz

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15	31 cars	Flauen	Ohrdruf
16	60 cars	"	"
26	7 cars	"	Altenhain
27	10 cars	"	"
3 and 4	134 cars	Arnstadt	Meiningen
1	28 cars	Weimar	Koenigsbrueck
15	7 cars	"	Altenhain
25	45 cars	"	Halle
26	16 cars	"	Koenigsbrueck
9	7 cars, 2 RRym	Donndorf	Halle
16	4 cars	"	"
19	29 cars, 4 RRym	"	"
	23 cars, 3 RRym	"	"
	20 cars	"	"
23	19 cars, 7 RRym	"	"
27	2 cars, 3 RRym	"	"
	37 cars, 3 SSy	"	"
	23 cars, 3 RRym	"	"
	47 cars, 1 RRym	"	"
28	52 cars	Gera	Ohrdruf
	50 cars, 3 SSy	"	"
24	41 cars, 7 SSy	Jena	Crawinkel
12	27 cars, 15 SSy	Ohrdruf	Merseburg
15	51 cars, 3 RRym	"	Koelleda
18	45 cars	"	Weimar
	56 cars	"	"
	34 cars	"	Altenburg
20	33 cars, 6 SSy	"	"

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20	41 cars, 15 SSy	Ohrdruf	Gera
22	25 cars, 3 SSy	"	Plauen
23	43 cars, 16 SSy	"	"
25	20 cars,	"	Koenigsbruck
17	7 cars, 3 RByn	Koellada	Glauchau
20	6 cars, 4 RByn	"	Halle
	32 cars, 7 RByn	"	"
20	47 cars	Soemmerda	Merseburg
	51 cars	"	Halle
21	43 cars	"	"
18	44 cars	Sondershausen	Weissenfels
	111 cars	"	"
	59 cars	"	"
19	62 cars	"	Merseburg
	136 cars	Graunkehl	Weimar
28	52 cars	"	Jena
26	5 cars, 4 RByn	Mehltheuer	Glauchau
	4 cars, 5 RByn	Zeitz	"
27	50 cars	Weissenfels	Schweinitz

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1. [] Comment. The troop trains carried contingents of the 8th Gds Mech Div in connection with continuous firing practices by the division at Koenigsbruck.

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2. [] Comment. The troop trains hauled light AAA units from the area of the Eighth US Army in connection with AAA firing practices at Koenigsbruck. Most of the trains were confirmed by other sources.

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3. [] Comment. On 24 February 1954, [] a troop train each from Barchau and Riesa to Schleien. [] On 15 and 24 February 1954, probably small field exercises were held by units of the 9th Tank Div in the Schleien area.

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4. [] Comment. These troop trains indicate that, from about 15 to 20 February 1954, a field exercise was held by the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in the Lossa area and that contingents of the 76th Arty Brig (US), 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, 21st Gds Mech Div, and 220th Hv Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army participated in the maneuver.

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5. [] Comment. The troop train [] was confirmed by [] element of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt to a field exercise with components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in the area north of Plauen. On 26 February 1953, the same unit returned on the troop train []

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6. [] Comment. The troop train probably carried an element of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt to firing practice in the woods near Zeitz.

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7. [] confirmed departure and arrival of components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Plauen. []

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8. [] Comment. The troop train probably carried elements of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which returned from firing practice at Ohrdruf.

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9. [] Comment. The troop trains probably carried contingents of the 21st Gds Mech Div which returned to Halle from firing practice or field exercise at the Lossa troop training grounds.

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[] Comment. The two troop trains on 28 February 1954 are confirmed [] . Another report indicated that the contingents of the 308th Arty Brig (US) from Gera which were transported by the above trains probably returned from firing practice at Ohrdruf on 6 March 1954.

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[] Comment. The troop trains probably carried contingents of the 20th Gds Mech Div in conjunction with firing practices in the Ohrdruf area. Another [] confirmed unloadings at Weimar on 19 February and loadings at Jena on 24 February 1954. []

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[] Comment. The troop train probably carried contingents of the 76th Arty Brig (US) which, on 7 February 1954, moved to Ohrdruf on the troop trains with []

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[] Comment. The troop trains probably hauled contingents of the army artillery brigades back to their home stations from firing practice at Ohrdruf. Departure of these troops from Altenburg has not been covered.

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